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VENOM INC. PART 2

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®

The life of **PETER PARKER** has always been a bit...complicated. Not only has Parker Industries been destroyed, but the Venom symbiote – an alien organism whose dangerous influence almost led **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN** down a dark and dangerous path – has returned to plague Peter's world once again.

After a heroic turn with Peter's best friend, **FLASH THOMPSON**, the symbiote reunited with Spidey's old foe, **EDDIE BROCK**. At Alchemax, Flash and Eddie battled for control of the symbiote and upon being exposed to an experimental "cure," Flash was transformed into the all-new **ANTI-VENOM!**

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ALCHEMAX HQ.
DR. STEVE'S LAB.
GOODNESS! MY ASTROBIOLOGICAL SERUM HAD QUITE THE EFFECT ON HIM!
CALL IT WHATEVER YOU WANT, DOC, BUT WHAT YOU MADE WAS...
WOW! THIS FEELS GREAT!
...ARTIFICIAL ANTI-VENOM! FLASH? TALK TO ME. WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON NOW?
THOMPSON!
YOU TRIED TO SEPARATE ME FROM MY OTHER! AND FOR THAT WE SHALL--
YOU KNOW WHAT, BROCK...
...I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!
SHUT UP!
GYAHH! YOUR TOUCH! IT...
...BURNS!
OKAY. NOW WE KNOW WHERE EVERYONE STANDS. ANTI-VENOM IS...
...LITERALLY ANTI THE GUY CALLED VENOM.
TSSS
TSSS
COOL! THAT'S A SIDE I CAN GET BEHIND.
NOT FAIR!
YEAH, YEAH. LOPSIDED FIGHT, I KNOW. BUT WATCH ME NOT CARE.

OUT OF THE WAY! HE'S MINE!
YOU WANT DIBS ON EDDIE? BE MY--
NOT BROCK! THE SYMBIOTE. I NEED IT!
WHAT?
RELEASE HIM TO ME OR--
LEAVE US! YOU'RE HURTING IT!
FLASH?
THAT'S THE VENOM SYMBIOTE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! ONE OF THE DEADLIEST THINGS ON EARTH! WHY WOULD YOU--?
SORRY, FELLA.
SHH. DON'T WORRY. I'M HERE.
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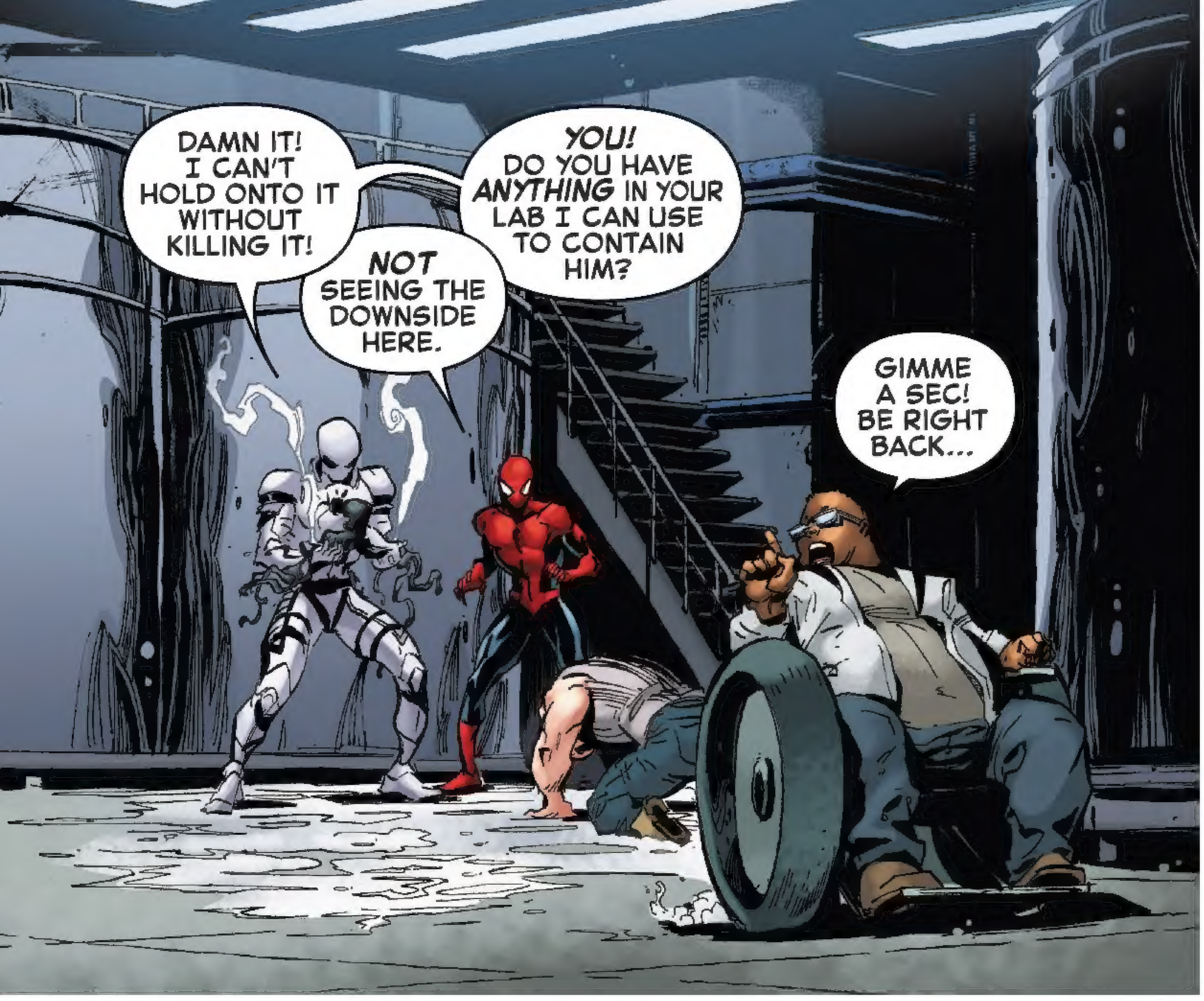

DAMN IT! I CAN'T HOLD ONTO IT WITHOUT KILLING IT!
NOT SEEING THE DOWNSIDE HERE.
YOU! DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR LAB I CAN USE TO CONTAIN HIM?
GIMME A SEC! BE RIGHT BACK...

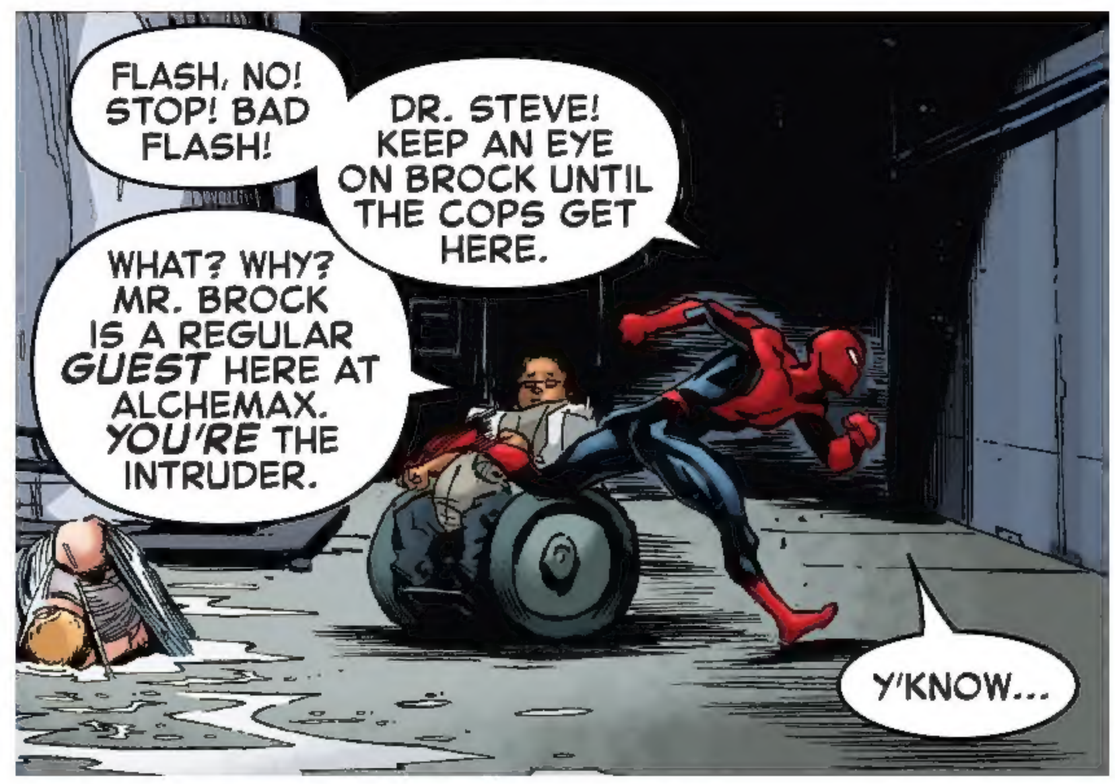
FLASH? TALK TO ME. WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
SHHH...

HERE. THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK.
N-N-NO!

I WON'T LET YOU TAKE IT FROM ME!
WE'RE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER! IT'S A PART OF--

UGH. THAT'S ENOUGH OUTTA YOU.
THWIP

YOU SIT THERE AND THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
GNN! I SWEAR, WALL-CRAWLER, WHEN WE'RE VENOM AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO--
BLAH BLAH BLAH. WANT A WEB GAG TOO, EDDIE? 'CAUSE I'LL DO IT.



FLASH! HOLD UP!

SO YOU CAN SNATCH MY PARTNER AWAY FROM ME? THAT'S A NO-CAN-DO.

THE BLACK CAT'S CLUB.

HERE YOU GO, BOSS. EVERYONE CHIPPED IN. ONLY THEIR BEST SWAG.

ALL HIGH-END SCORES. AND NO SKIMMING. I MADE SURE A' THAT.

ENOUGH WITH THE HARD SELL, HAMMERHEAD. LET ME SEE.

OH, THERE ARE LOTS OF SHINY BITS AND BAUBLES, BOYS.

PLENTY HERE TO CATCH A GIRL'S EYE, BUT...

...THIS IS *USELESS* TO ME! I NEED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE *FIVE FAMILIES!*

NOT BRING THEM *GIFT BAGS!* I NEED SOMETHING *BIG! BOLD!*

HAVE I *NOT* MADE MYSELF CLEAR?

SMAK

SIGH

I REALLY NEED TO FIND A BETTER CLASS OF MINIONS.

SMASH

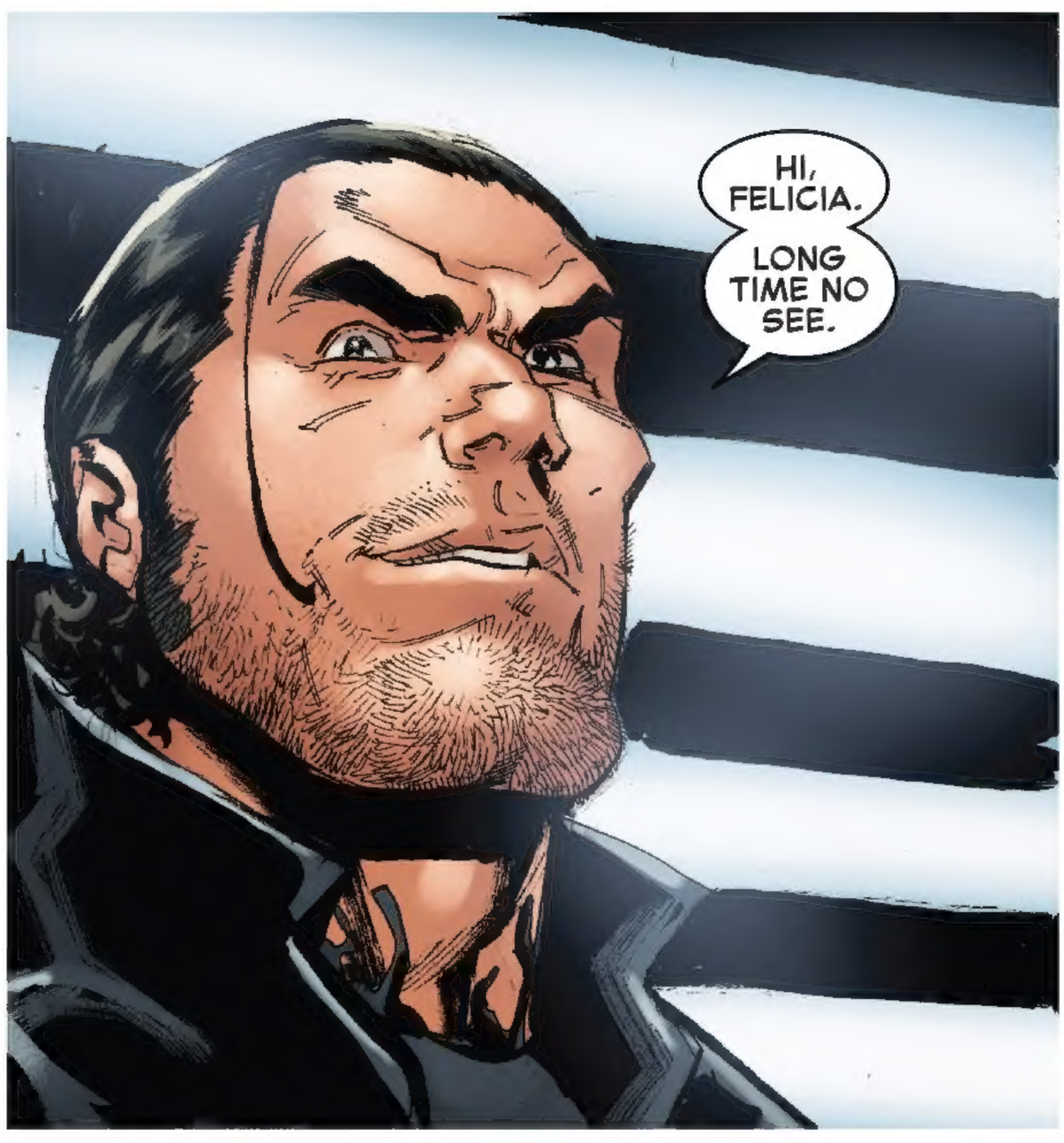
AND GUARDS AT THE DOOR.

SCRATCH THAT.

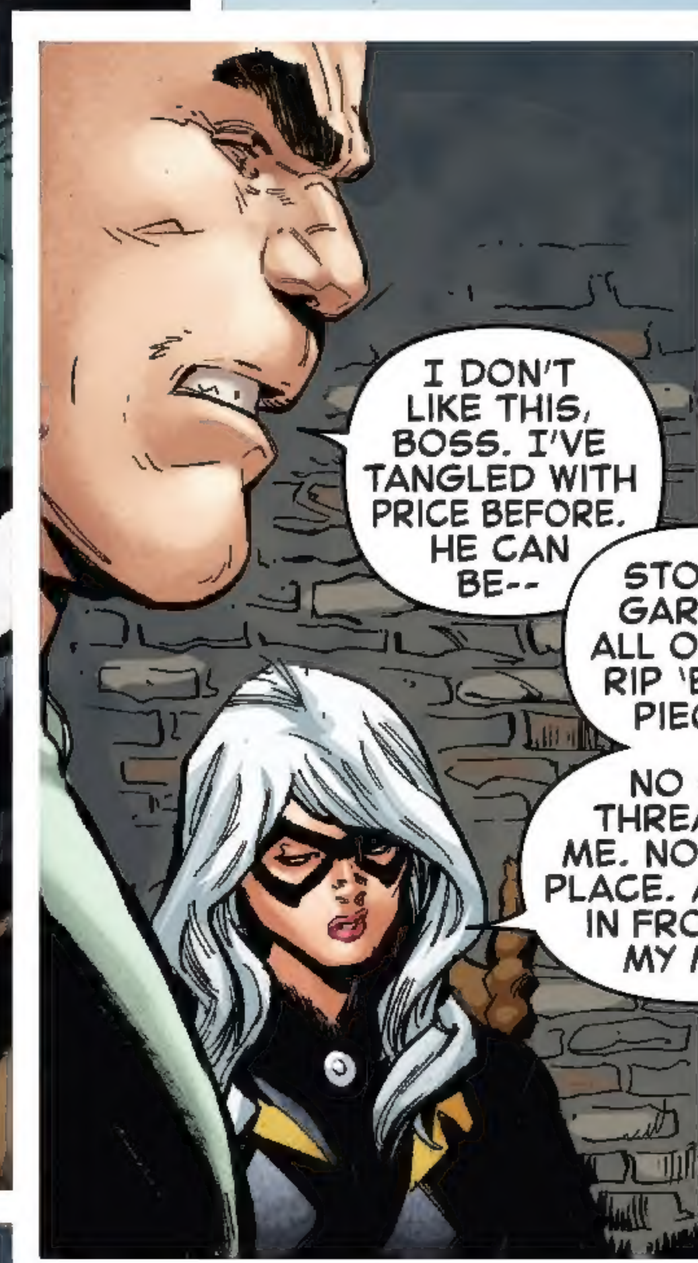
WHAT'S ACTUALLY NEEDED IN THIS HERE ESTABLISHMENT...

...IS A COMPLETE CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT. FROM THE TOP DOWN.
OH, FOR #$%&'S SAKE. THE LOOTER?!
ON TOP OF EVERYTHING, I HAVE TO DEAL WITH A JOKE LIKE NORTON G. FESTER MAKING A MOVE ON MY TERRITORY?
PAT PAT

NAH. HE'S PART OF MY CREW. ONE OF MY MADE MEN.
AND, YEAH, WE'RE MAKING THAT MOVE.


HI, FELICIA.
LONG TIME NO SEE.

HEH. AND I THOUGHT THIS WAS SAD WHEN IT WAS JUST THE LOOTER.
BUT LOOK AT THIS. LEE PRICE?
HONEY, MAYBE YOU HAD SOME JUICE BACK WHEN YOU WERE VENOM...
...BUT WITHOUT THOSE BIG TEETH, YOU'VE LOST ALL YOUR BITE.



SOMETHING TELLS ME...

...THEY AIN'T GONNA BE YOUR MEN FOR MUCH LONGER.

SOHO.

ALL RIGHT, I GIVE UP. WHERE ARE WE?

WHO?

BOBBI MORSE'S APARTMENT.

PETER PARKER'S GIRLFRIEND. THIS IS WHERE... PETE'S STAYING.

AND WHY WOULD YOU TAKE ME *HERE?*

BECAUSE...

OY.

AND STUFF WE CAN USE TO NEUTRALIZE THIS CRITTER ONCE AND FOR ALL!

WHOA! YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A LIVING, BREATHING, *SENTIENT* LIFE-FORM!

WHO HAPPENS TO BE MY *PAL!*

NO. IT'S A HOSTILE ALIEN ORGANISM. ONE THAT I BROUGHT BACK FROM OUTER SPACE.
EVERY BAD THING IT'S EVER DONE--OR SPAWNED--IS ALL ON ME. IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY!

A RESPONSIBILITY I WANT TO BE OVER AND DONE WITH! HEY--
NO WAY! I'VE WORKED WITH HIM! DONE GREAT THINGS WITH HIM!
AS AN AVENGER AND A GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY!

THIS ISN'T THE CREATURE YOU ONCE KNEW. HE'S CHANGED. HAVEN'T YOU?
GRAA

AND RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A ROGUE SYMBIOTE OUT THERE...
...AND THIS GUY'S OUR ONLY CHANCE OF FINDING IT.
...
FINE. AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE WE DO THAT?

I COULD SENSE IT IF I COULD BOND WITH MY OLD PARTNER HERE...
...BUT NOW THAT I'M FULL HEAD-TO-TOE WITH ANTI-VENOM, THAT WOULD KILL HIM.
SO, MAYBE YOU COULD...?
OHHH NO! NOBODY IS BONDING WITH THAT THING EVER AGAIN! BUT...
HMM...I THINK I'VE COME UP WITH A PLAN.

ALL OF YOU, LISTEN TO ME! YOU HAVE TO FIGHT SMARTER!

THESE "MADE MEN," THEY'RE INFECTED WITH *SYMBIOTES!* USE THEIR WEAKNESSES! FIRE AND SONICS!

I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT *PRICE* IS VENOM AGAIN AND THAT MEANS--

NOT VENOM, CAT. SOMETHING BETTER. AN UPGRADE-- THE NEW MODEL.

CALL ME *MANIAC!* JUST ROLLS RIGHT OFF THE TONGUE, DOESN'T IT?

WANNA SEE WHAT ELSE ROLLS OFF MY TONGUE?

GYAH!

WAS WONDERIN' WHAT'D HAPPEN, IF I DID MY LITTLE SPIT-TAKE...
...ON SOMEBODY WHO ALREADY HAD A SYMBIOTE IN HIM. LET'S FIND OUT.
SPITOO
ACK! NO! I'M-- ACK!
GIVE IN, MAC. DON'T FIGHT IT.
I'M-- I'M BACK!
DAMN. BET YOU THINK YOU'VE LOCKED THIS ALL UP, DON'T YOU, PRICE?
SURE LOOKS THAT WAY, DON'T IT?
FINE! THEN LET'S DO THIS! JUST THE TWO OF US! WINNER TAKES ALL!
C'MON! TRY YOUR LUCK WITH ME!

ONE SECOND, MR. BROCK. THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK.
SOLVENT OF MY OWN DESIGN. SHOULD HAVE THAT WEBBING OFF OF YOU PROMPTLY.
IF MY OTHER WERE HERE, WE'D'VE SNAPPED THIS OFF AGES AGO.
TAKE THE GOOD WITH THE BAD, I GUESS.

"THE GOOD"? WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?
WHY, YOU'RE *FREE*, EDDIE. CURED! OF THE SYMBIOTE.
AND ALL THE RESULTING PROBLEMS AND HEADACHES THAT CAME WITH IT.

YOU DON'T GET IT AT *ALL*, DO YOU, DR. STEVE! *WE* SHARED A *BOND!*
AND NOW IT'S OUT THERE! *ALONE!* AND WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO IT!
YOU *HAVE* TO HELP ME *FIND IT!*
I--I-- I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO START.

THEN WHAT *GOOD ARE YOU?! ANY OF YOU!*
I'LL FIND IT ON MY OWN! I'LL--

NO!
BACK WHEN I WAS ANTI-VENOM, I COULD CLEAN *EVERY* TRACE OF A SYMBIOTE OUT OF SOMEONE...
...AND NOW, THAT'S BEEN DONE... TO *ME*.
OUR BOND'S SEVERED. I CAN'T FEEL HIM AT ALL.

OHHH BOY. HOPE THAT THING DOESN'T LEAVE A RING AROUND THE TUB.

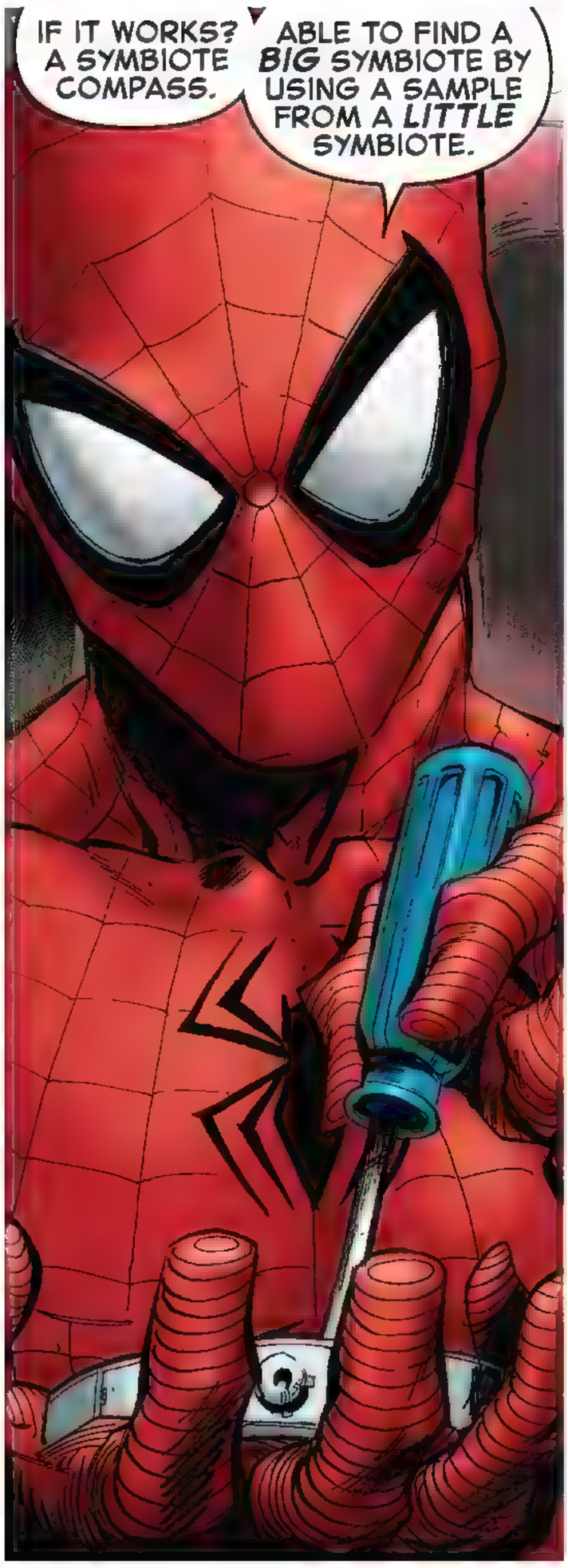
I DON'T WANT... PETE'S GIRLFRIEND TO KILL HIM. 'CAUSE SHE TOTALLY WOULD.

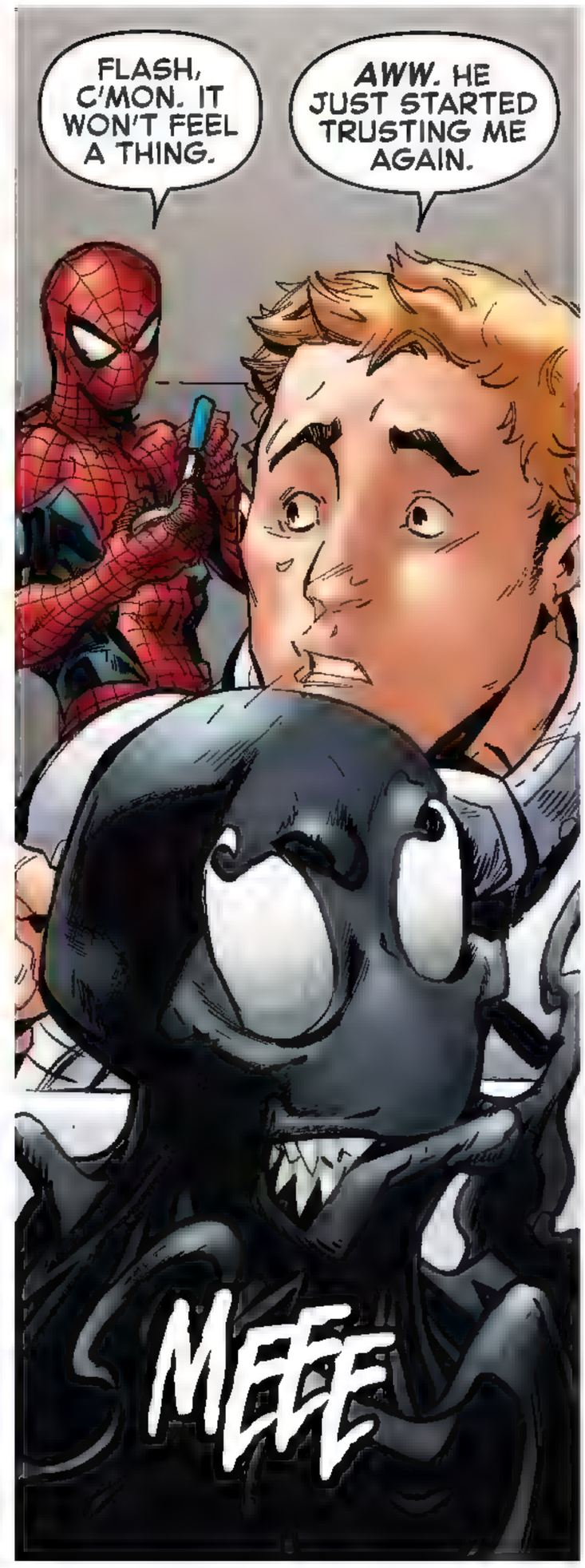
HEY, BUDDY. YEAH, YOU LIKE THAT, HUH?

FIGURED OUT HOW TO PULL BACK THIS ANTI-VENOM GOOP SO I'M NOT HURTING YOU ANYMORE.

UGH. SHOULD I STEP OUT TO FINISH THIS? DO YOU TWO NEED THE ROOM?

STOP IT. WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON ANYWAY?

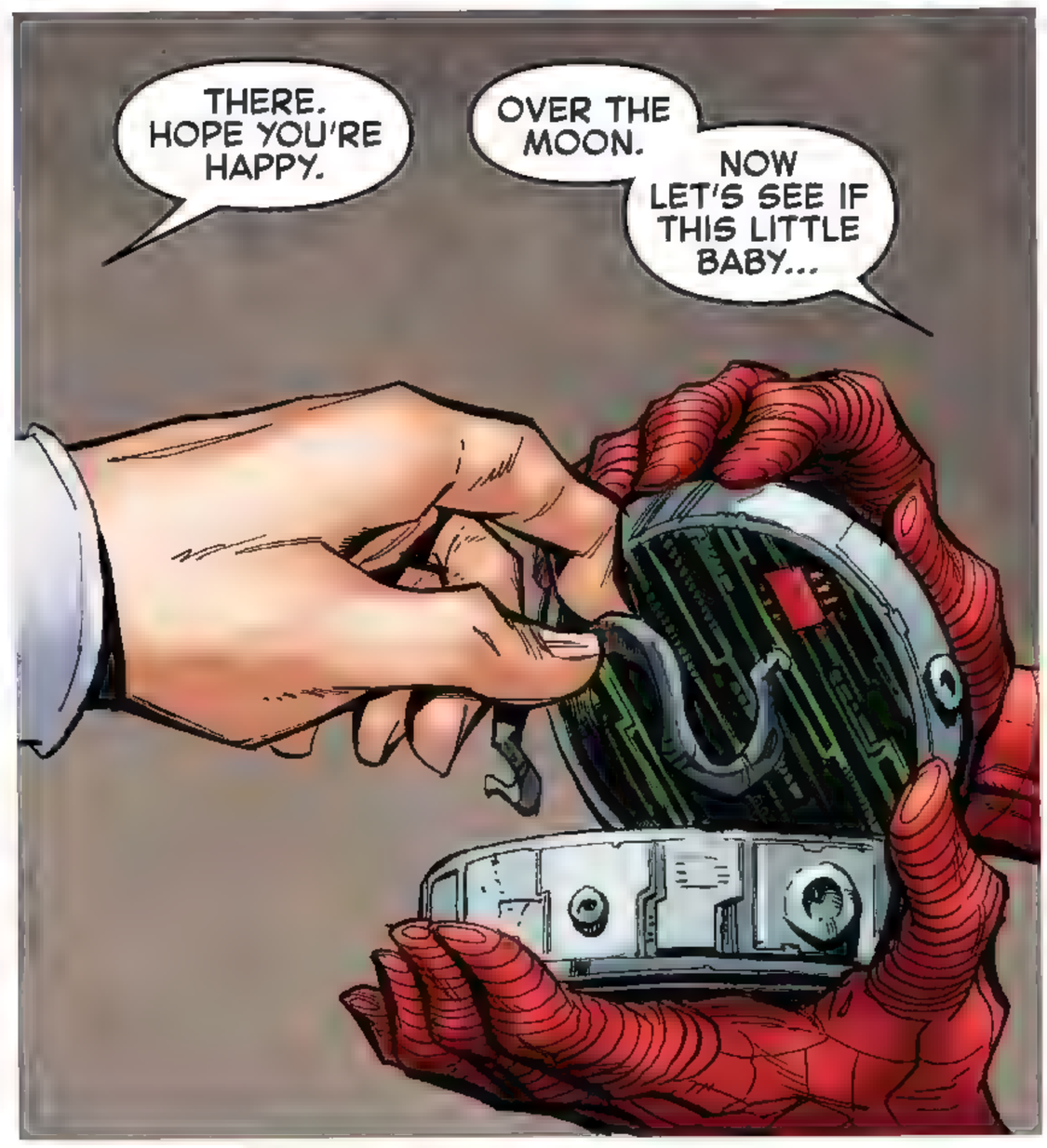


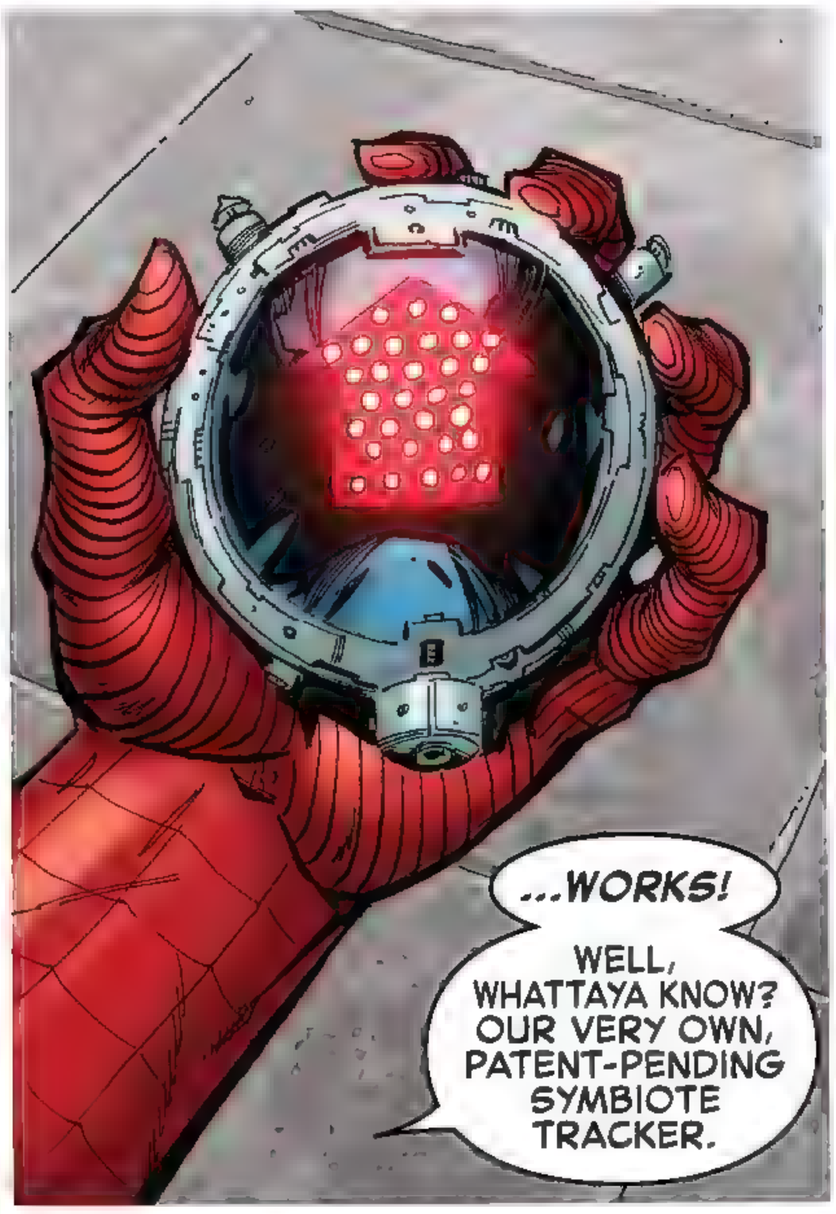


YOU WANT TO FIND THE OTHER SYMBIOTE OR NOT?
BUT...
IT'LL BE LIKE CLIPPING A PUPPY'S NAILS. CHOP CHOP. DOOOOO IT.
UGH. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE? YOU'RE A BIG BULLY.

UNBELIEVABLE. FLASH THOMPSON THINKS *I'M* BEING A BULLY.

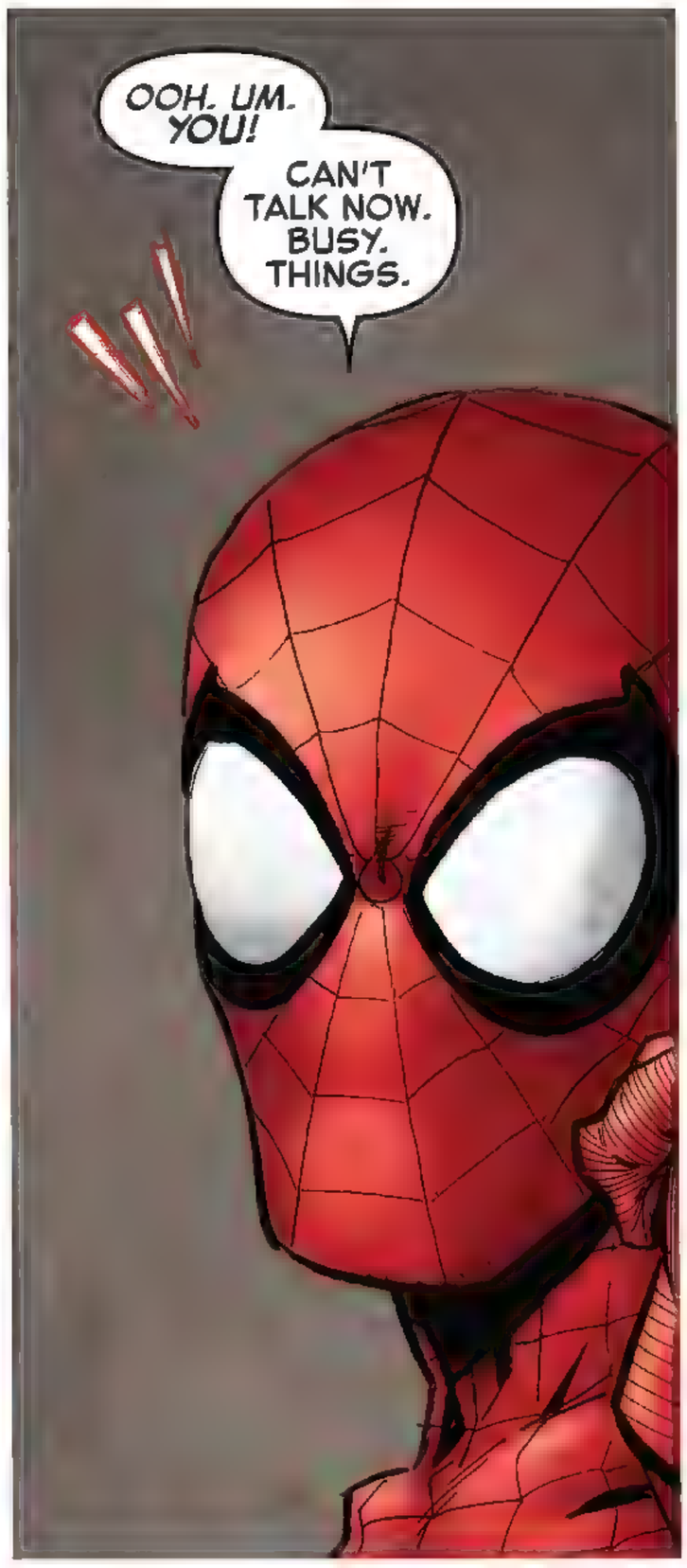
SORRY.
SORRY.
SORRY.
SKRREE
SNIP


THERE. HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.
OVER THE MOON.
NOW LET'S SEE IF THIS LITTLE BABY...


...WORKS!
WELL, WHATTAYA KNOW? OUR VERY OWN, PATENT-PENDING SYMBIOTE TRACKER.

NOT BAD. YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT ALL OF THIS NERD STUFF. *ALMOST* AS GOOD AS PARKER.
THAT'S THE *ONE* THING WE'VE GOT IN COMMON. YUP. THE ONE AND ONLY THING. FINITO. AFTER *THAT*...
...NO SIMILARITIES *AT ALL.*

ALL RIGHT THEN. WHAT SAY WE GIVE THAT DOOHICKEY A ROAD TEST.
YOU AND ME, SWINGING AROUND.
GOTTA ADMIT, I USED TO DAYDREAM ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS BACK IN HIGH SCH--
ONE SEC. GOT A CALL COMING IN.
BZZT BZZT


OOH. UM. YOU!
CAN'T TALK NOW. BUSY. THINGS.

WHO WAS IT?
NOBODY... YOU'D KNOW. SO...YOU. ME. SYMBIOTE COMPASS.
FUN-FILLED ADVENTURE. LET'S GO!

VOICEMAIL?! YOU PUT ME TO VOICEMAIL? REALLY?
PETE, IT'S BETTY. I'M OUTSIDE THE DAILY BUGLE, AND YOU NEED TO GET HERE A.S.A.P.
YOU'RE SO LUCKY ROBBIE GAVE YOU THIS ASSIGNMENT-- A WHOLE NEW FRESH START...

...BUT IF YOU WANT TO HOLD ONTO THIS JOB, YOU HAVE TO SHOW UP FOR WORK ONCE IN A WHILE!
BYE.

I SWEAR, PARKER, ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'M NOT GOING TO BE AROUND TO WATCH OVER YOU.
BETTY...
WAIT! WHO'S FOLLOWING BETTY BRANT? CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING ASM ANNUAL #41!--NICK

MAN, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH I'VE *MISSED* THIS.

ALL OF IT. NOT JUST THE POWERS, BUT A CHANCE TO BE A HERO AGAIN.

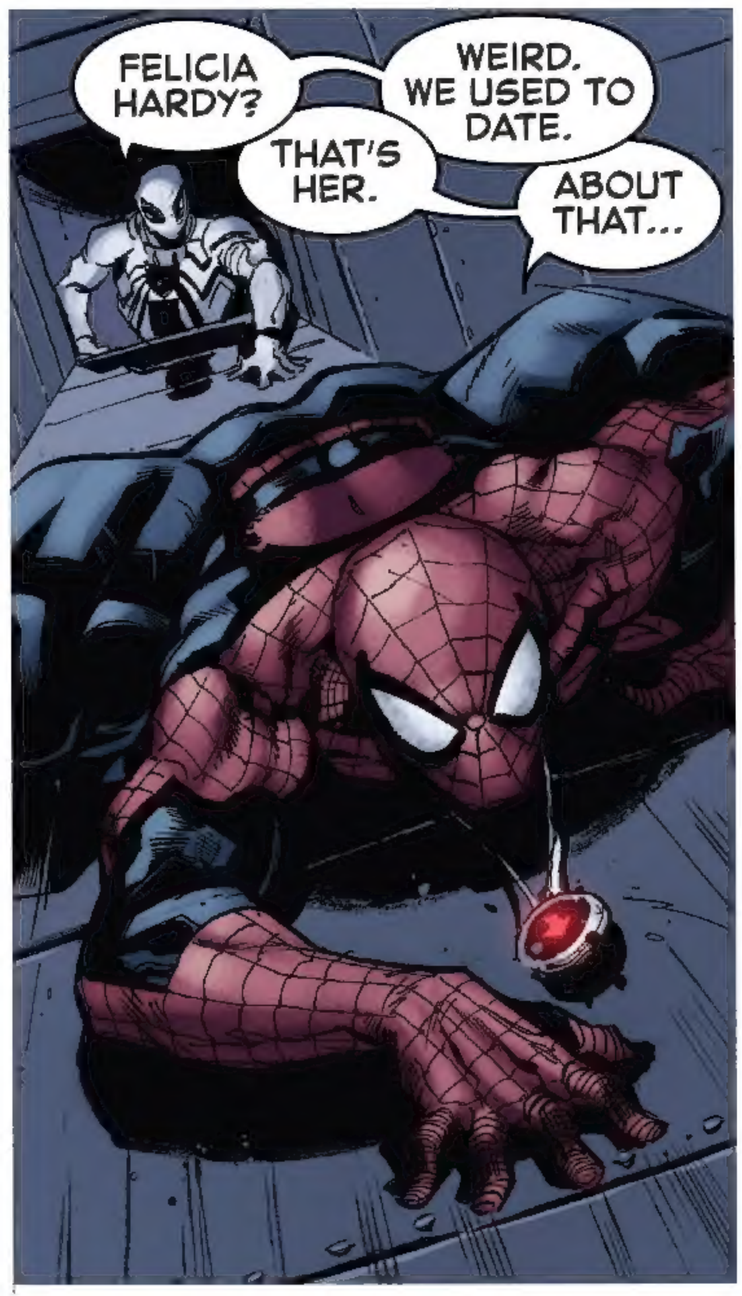
LIKE YOU.

CUT IT OUT. 'CAUSE JOKES ARE *MY* DEPARTMENT.

AND THE FLASH THOMPSON I KNOW...

...SERVICEMAN, PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT AND PROUD VETERAN...

SO THE SYMBIOTE WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS *HERE?*
YEP. AND IF THE RUMORS I'VE HEARD ARE TRUE, THIS AIN'T A GOOD PLACE FOR IT.
HOW SO? WHERE ARE WE?
A SUPER VILLAIN LAIR. BLACK CAT'S HIDEOUT.


FELICIA HARDY?
THAT'S HER.
WEIRD. WE USED TO DATE.
ABOUT THAT...

BANG
...WE USED TO DATE, TOO.
OOH.
I DID IT AGAIN, DIDN'T I? MADE EVERYTHING ALL...

...AWKWARD?
Ping Ping Ping Ping

A LITTLE BIT.
ANYTHING *ELSE* YOU'D LIKE TO BRING UP?
ZAK
THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE I FAILED TO MENTION. SYMBIOTES...
HI, BOYS...

WHO WANTS TO GIVE ME A BIG OL' KISS?
...THEY DON'T SET OFF MY SPIDER-SENSE.
PERFECT. YOU KNOW SHE'S TALKING TO YOU, RIGHT?
NO. THAT WAS TOTALLY TO YOU.
TO BE CONTINUED IN VENOM #159!

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NEXT

Welcome to the SPIDER-MAN and VENOM showdown you've all been waiting for – AND it just happens to be the very first crossover between their books!

The next chapter of this epic symbiote saga web-slings on in VENOM #159, and it's on sale in only ONE WEEK! That's right, web-heads – just SEVEN DAYS! Make sure to take this handy checklist along to your comic shops so you can keep up with the entire VENOM INC. story!

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- Nick, Devin, Tom, Dan and Mike!

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